

HOUSE FILE 2130  
BY FREVERT

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the grounds for termination of parental  
2 rights.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 600A.8, Code Supplement 2009, is amended  
2 by adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 11. For a period of at least three years,  
4 a noncustodial parent does either of the following and the  
5 noncustodial parent has been previously cited for contempt  
6 pursuant to section 598.23 or 598.23A:

7 a. Fails to make payments or provide medical support  
8 pursuant to an order or decree for support entered pursuant  
9 to chapter 598 or chapter 234, 252A, 252C, 252F, 600B, or any  
10 other support chapter, or a comparable chapter of a foreign  
11 jurisdiction.

12 b. Does not comply with a custody order or decree.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill provides that grounds for termination of parental  
15 rights includes that for a period of at least three years,  
16 a noncustodial parent against whom an order or decree for  
17 support has been entered, fails to make payments or provide  
18 medical support pursuant to that order or decree, or that the  
19 noncustodial parent does not comply with a custody order or  
20 decree, and the noncustodial parent has been previously cited  
21 for contempt for noncompliance.